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RE: New Bond Issue () / Bond Amendment ()

Dear Ms. Berry,

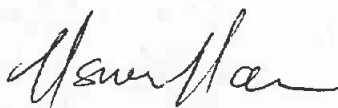
Please find enclosed Bond No. [redacted] in the amount of USD 134,905, issued by Fidelity and Deposit Co. of Maryland. This bond is in relation to Permit No. M-045-004 for the Pine Canyon/Carr Folk Mine Site. This bond ensures complete coverage of the existing Letter of Credit No. [redacted] issued by Wells Fargo. Given the issuance of Bond No. [redacted] is requested that you provide a release for LOC No. [redacted]. After your assessment and acceptance, can you please send a release letter along with the original LOC No. [redacted] to my attention at:

Usman Naeem
Principal Analyst, Corporate Finance,
Rio Tinto
1188 Sherbrooke Street West
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In addition, please find enclosed the amendment to Bond No. [redacted] reflecting an increase of USD 1,791,733 of the covered amount, resulting in a new total amount of USD 22,166,333. This increase is in relation to the North Tailings Impoundment – Permit No. M/035/0015 at Tooele County.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the new bond issue or the amendment, please contact me at 514-847-3077 or usman.naeem@riotinto.com.

Yours sincerely,



Usman Naeem
Principal Analyst – Treasury, Rio Tinto

Enclosed,

From: Paul Baker
To: Berry, Penny
Date: 1/3/2012 9:13 AM
Subject: Kennecott Bond Amounts

The amounts should be \$134,905 and \$22,166,333 using a straight escalation at 1.7% for five years.

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